

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

077-0000-030

historic Thompson Barn

and or common Thompson-Wohlschlegel Round Barn (preferred)

2. Location

Three miles east of Harper on US 160 and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south on County Road 1485
street & number (NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 9, T32S, R6W) N/A not for publication

city, town N/A ☒ vicinity of Harper

state Kansas code 020 county Harper code

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Dale Wohlschlegel

street & number Route 2, Box 101

city, town Harper ☒ vicinity of state Kansas 67003 67058

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds

street & number Harper County Courthouse

city, town Anthony state Kansas 67003

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date N/A ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Thompson-Wohlschlegel Round Barn is a circular structure approximately 80 feet in diameter. Its three-tier domed roof rises to a height of 75 feet. The first story consists of a central space 29 feet in diameter, surrounded by a circular access lane about 9 feet wide, and an outer circle of stalls and storage bins about 16 feet wide. The outer walls of the first level are made of rough-faced concrete blocks. A timber frame inside carries the second story hay loft, which covers the stalls and the access lane, but is open over the central space. The external walls as the second story level are clad with vertical boarding siding. Above the hay loft floor the interior of the barn was originally an uninterrupted open space, but in recent years bracing posts have been added. The domical shape of the roof is interrupted by two clerestory sections, the lower having wood shingle siding and the upper fitted with vertical-slat louvers. On the east side of the barn is a two-story gable-roofed projecting block, faced with vertical board-and-batten siding with wood shingles in the gable. This block is flanked by two round, conical-roofed silos, about 13 feet in diameter, made of concrete block.

The farmstead contains several other buildings, but this nomination applies to the barn only.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Thompson-Wohlschlegel barn is one of the largest and most elaborate examples remaining in Kansas of the round barn of the early twentieth century. The round barns of Kansas were mostly built in the first two decades of the twentieth century, and were considered at the time to be highly innovative and progressive buildings. Only a few examples of the distinctive barn type now remain in the state.

The plans for the building were drawn by Z.C. Thompson, the original owner, and his son C.R. Thompson. They began forming the concrete block in 1910. Actual construction began in 1912 and was completed the following year. The carpentry work was executed in six months by a team of 15 carpenters under the direction of Bill Russell of Anthony, Kansas. The overall cost of construction was \$16,000.

The property was purchased by the Wohlschlegel family in 1942. Dale Wohlschlegel has owned it since 1981.

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS CURRENT KNOWLEDGE AND IS SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Interviews by Dale Wohlschlegel with Alma M. Mathes (daughter of the original owner), Arch Thompson (son of the original owner), and Joe Wohlschlegel (who witnessed construction). Long, Paul F. "The Round Barn of Harper County" Kanshistique August, 1975.

This nomination was prepared from materials submitted by the owner, Dale Wohlschlegel.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Danville, KS

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification A circle of 60 foot radius centered on the center of the barn, which stands in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 9, T32S, R6W.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Kansas State Historical Society

date November 21, 1984

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city or town Topeka

state Kansas 66612

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☒ state ☐ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society

date November 21, 1984

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

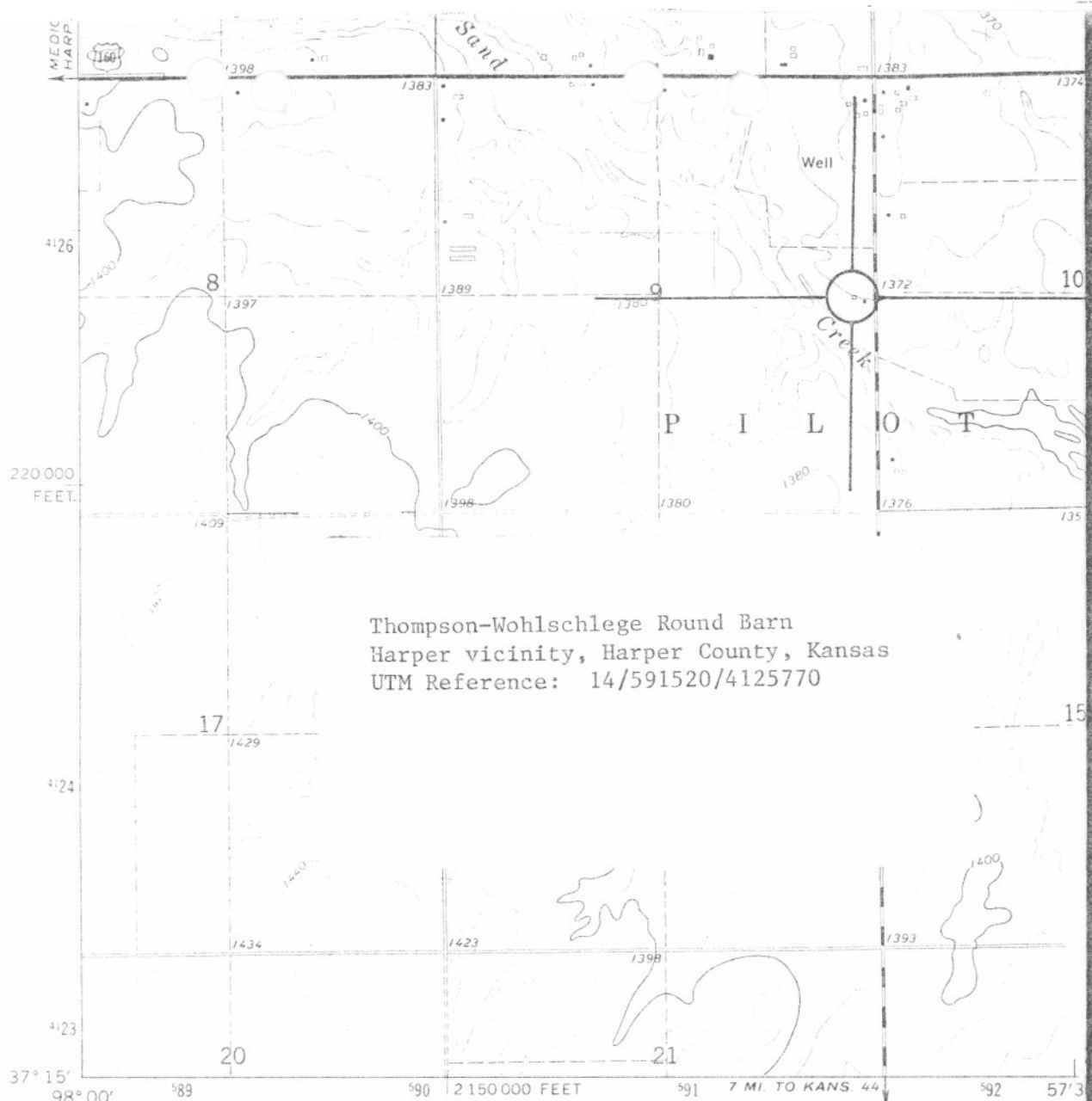
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Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



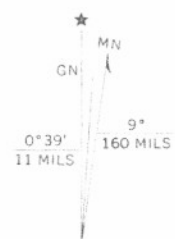
Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS and USC&GS

Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1971

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Kansas coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 14, shown in blue

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



UTM GRID AND 1971 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

REGISTER OF HISTORIC KANSAS PLACES---COVER SHEET

Name of Property Thompson-Wohlschlegel Round BarnLocation 3 miles east and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of Harper
(street and number)Harper vicinity
(city, town, or vicinity location)
(legal description)Harper
(county)Owner of Property Dale M. WohlschlegelRoute 2, Box 101
(street and number)Harper, KS 67058
(city, town, county)

National Register status:

date approved for nomination to the National Register by Kansas Historic
Sites Board of Review August 25, 1984date entered in National Register February 21, 1985

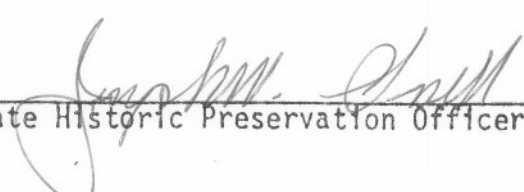
Description: The Thompson-Wohlschlegel Round Barn is a circular structure approximately 80 feet in diameter. Its three-level domed roof rises to a height of 75 feet. The first story consists of a central space 29 feet in diameter, surrounded by a circular access lane about 9 feet wide, and an outer circle of stalls and storage bins about 16 feet wide. The outer walls of the first level are made of rough-faced concrete blocks. A timber frame inside carries the second story hay loft, which covers the stalls and the access lane, but is open over the central space. The external walls at the second story level are clad with vertical boarding siding. Above the hay loft floor the barn was originally an uninterrupted open space, but in recent years bracing posts have been added. The domical shape of the roof is interrupted by two clerestory sections, the lower having wood shingle siding and the upper fitted with vertical-slat louvers. On the east side of the barn is a two-story gable-roofed projecting block, faced with vertical board-and-batten siding with wood shingles in the gable. This block is flanked by two round, conical-roofed silos made of concrete block.

Significance Built in 1912-13, the Thompson-Wohlschlegel barn is one of the largest
and most elaborate examples remaining in Kansas of the round barns of the early
twentieth century. The round barns of Kansas were mostly built in the first two
decades of the twentieth century, and were considered at the time of be highly
innovative and progressive buildings. Only a few examples of this distinctive
barn type now remain.

Form prepared by Richard J. Cawthon date August 23, 1984

This property was approved for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places by
the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review on August 25, 1984

I hereby certify that this property is included in the Register of Historic Kansas
Places.



State Historic Preservation Officer

Aug. 25, 1984
Date